Public Enemy Lyrics

"Preachin To The Quiet"

[verse 1] Celebrity the new drug In america Gotta have it Gotta be it So the young ones see it Watch out now Looka here now In these get rich or die tryin times Greed that i see Got these cats Whipped by tv 3 generations of fatherless women We drownin instead of swimmin This aint what yall asked for Thats what they locked ya ass up for And closed the door Beyond these streets These kids is always watchin See it aint been the same Since teen summitt left the game Off the air, who cares? Now kids get programmed Ask their peoples Who buy them almost everything the stars wear People see, people do See the new pied pipers Got a hold on you Back to the boogaloo

[verse 2]
Im talkin advanced
But goin back at the same time
Rewind
So what, some of this song dont rhyme
Like i said
Most of us get ghetto at the wrong time
Fear
So leave a little room for god
Up in here
Back in the day
Even real pimps, hustlers, players
Told young cats

Get a shot
So you wont catch the flu
Dont get shot
And get a hole in you

Cmon get their lives on track
These raps you hear today
Is a bad ass act
Im here to tell it
Like it ought to be
It aint no kids fault to me
35 year olds
Actin 16

Know what i mean
You dont work, mean you dont eat
You need more than a ball
And some bomb ass beats
New kicks on your feet
Need your mind in these time
To compete
Make your world complete
Sweet not sour
Thats what they really call fightin the power

[verse 3]
Here it is , no fable
I put it all on the table
Spendin my time
Identifyin whos behind
Some of these labels
Who profit off the spit
Some of the same way same cats
That owned them ships

Yes Its a business Butslavery was too Prison industrial complex New slavery lookin to own you Ownin the labels, stations, jails and cemeteries Thug life Turnin hip hop into a one stop shop Somebody behind Makin up your own damn mind Signed, sealed delivered In a nigger package So dumb you cant hear The ignorance protected By the backpacker Who co signed the say so Claimin they dig the flow Filled wit jim crow

Claimin they dig the flow
Filled wit jim crow
Return of the old negro
How you gonna say no to drugs
If you dont say no to thugs
See the government
Sweep it deep
Under the rug